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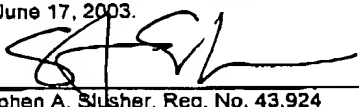
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PETITION DECISION RESPONSE and RENEWED PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.47 (a)

Dear Sir:

In response to the Decision on Petition Under 37 CFR 1.47(a), the undersigned states that the owner/assignee of the referenced patent application, Stichting voor de Technische Wetenschappen (STW, as indicated on the attached letter) is securing the signed Declaration for Patent Application of inventor, Gerardus Antonius Schellekens (Dr. Schellekens). It is the best information of the undersigned that a signed Declaration will be available to file in this patent application.

This paper is being submitted to assure the Office that all good effort is being exerted to obtain the participation of Dr. Schellekens through his signature of the Declaration for Patent Application, and as indicated in his correspondence with the Office as shown in the Petition Decision.

There is pending a final office action for which the statutory deadline is September 25, 2003, for response.

Application No. 09/308,150

It is requested an extension be provided to response within and through the current statutory deadline of September 25, 2003, or alternatively that Applicant be allowed to extend the currently set time period by filing a Petition and Fee for Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136(a), determined from the two month response period set for the Decision on Petition.

If any issues remain, or if the PCT Legal Office believes that resolution of the Petition for this application might be expedited by discussion of the issues, the Office is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned attorney for Applicant at the telephone number listed below.

An extension of time is requested and the fee for any extensions of time allowed under the Petition Decision are authorized for deduction and payment of any additional fees required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 13-4213.

Respectfully submitted,

By:



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Inventor(s): Waltherus J.W. van Venrooij, et al.

Dear Bert:

We request that you advise whether information will be available to respond to the Petition Decision by June 18, 2003, or whether the Inventor Declaration of Dr. Schellekens will be available to file. No extension of time to respond to the Petition Decision is available. The application will abandon. Please advise how you wish to proceed by return facsimile. Additionally we need to file a substantive response to the pending office action by June 25, 2003. The latest possible deadline for response with a three month extension is September 25, 2003.

Best regards,

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